

## **Lieutenant Colonel Joseph F Shrader**



Lieutenant Colonel Shrader enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1981 at Princeton, West Virginia. After serving as an Infantryman for three years with Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, he returned to Princeton to pursue a BS in Electrical Engineering from Bluefield State College. While attending college, he also served two years in the Army National Guard where he achieved the rank of Second Lieutenant and served as a Cavalry FIST Leader.

After graduating from Bluefield State in 1988, Lieutenant Colonel Shrader once again joined the Marines and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the Marine Corps' Platoon Leaders Course and was subsequently designated an Artillery Officer. From December 1990 to May 1993, he served with Fifth Battalion, Tenth Marines as a

Platoon Commander, Battery Executive Officer, and Headquarters Battery Commander. From June 1993 to January 1996, he served as a Series Commander, Company Executive Officer, and Company Commander with the Second Recruit Training Battalion, Parris Island, South Carolina. In January 1996, he was selected to attend the Field Artillery Officers Advanced Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

From June 1996 to June 1999, Lieutenant Colonel Shrader was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division where he served as the Assistant Operations Officer for Fourth Marine Regiment, and the Operations Officer and Executive Officer for Third Battalion, Twelfth Marines. Upon returning to the CONUS in July 1999, he attended the Marine Corps University's Command and Staff College where he earned a Masters of Military Studies and also served as a member of the HQMC's Strategic Studies Group. From June 2001 to May 2004, he served as a Project Team Leader with the Armor and Fire Support Directorate, Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico, Virginia.

In May 2004, Lieutenant Colonel Shrader was assigned to the Third Marine Division where he served as the Operations Officer for the Twelfth Marine Regiment. In March 2005, he was selected to assume command of 5th ANGLICO, III MEF.

Lieutenant Colonel Shrader's personal decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal (Second Award), Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Enlisted Good Conduct Medal.